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Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls Statement on Committee Passage of House Bill 1

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (January 27, 2021) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls made the following statement on the passage of House Bill 1 through the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee in an 11-6 vote:

“Today at the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee, we witnessed passionate, vocal speech and debate in support of and in opposition to HB 1. It was a demonstration of how people can use the God-given right to freedom of speech and protest without being violent, without inciting riot and without destruction to property – the exact protection of actions opponents argue it would destroy. HB 1 will increase penalties on those who would engage in a form of domestic terrorism, violent mobs that would destroy and damage property and injure and kill people. HB 1 will protect the freedoms of speech and protest we hold dear as Americans. It will not protect violence, because violence is not speech.”

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